

"DEFINITIONS

"SEC. 375. For purposes of this part the terms 'medicine' and 'medical' shall, except when used in section 373, be understood to include preventive and therapeutic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, hospitalization, nursing, public health, and the fundamental sciences related thereto, and other related fields of study, research, or activity.

"LIBRARY FACILITIES

Appropriation.

"SEC. 376. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated sums sufficient for the erection and equipment of suitable and adequate buildings and facilities for use of the Library in carrying out the provisions of this part. The Administrator of General Services is authorized to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, donation, or otherwise, a suitable site or sites, selected by the Surgeon General in accordance with the direction of the Board, for such buildings and facilities and to erect thereon, furnish, and equip such buildings and facilities. The sums herein authorized to be appropriated shall include the cost of preparation of drawings and specifications, supervision of construction, and other administrative expenses incident to the work. The Administrator of General Services shall prepare the plans and specifications, make all necessary contracts, and supervise construction.

"TRANSFER OF ARMED FORCES MEDICAL LIBRARY

"SEC. 377. All civilian personnel, equipment, library collections, other personal property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds (available or to be made available), which the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall determine to relate primarily to the functions of the Armed Forces Medical Library, are hereby transferred to the Service for use in the administration and operation of this part. Such transfer of property, funds, and personnel, and the other provisions of this part, shall become effective on the first day, occurring not less than thirty days after the date of enactment of this part, which the Director of the Bureau of the Budget determines to be practicable."

Short title.

SEC. 2. This Act may be cited as the "National Library of Medicine Act".

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Public Law 942

CHAPTER 908

AN ACT

August 3, 1956
[S. 3821]

To authorize the construction of one prototype ship and the conversion of one Liberty ship, by the Maritime Administration, Department of Commerce.

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tion.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Commerce, Maritime Administration, such sums as may be necessary, to remain available until expended, to construct, outfit, and test one prototype merchant ship of the "Clipper" class, as designed by the Maritime Administration, Department of Commerce, and to convert, outfit, and test one reserve fleet Liberty ship. Such construction and conversion, outfitting, and testing shall be subject to the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended.

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49 Stat. 1985.
46 USC 1245.